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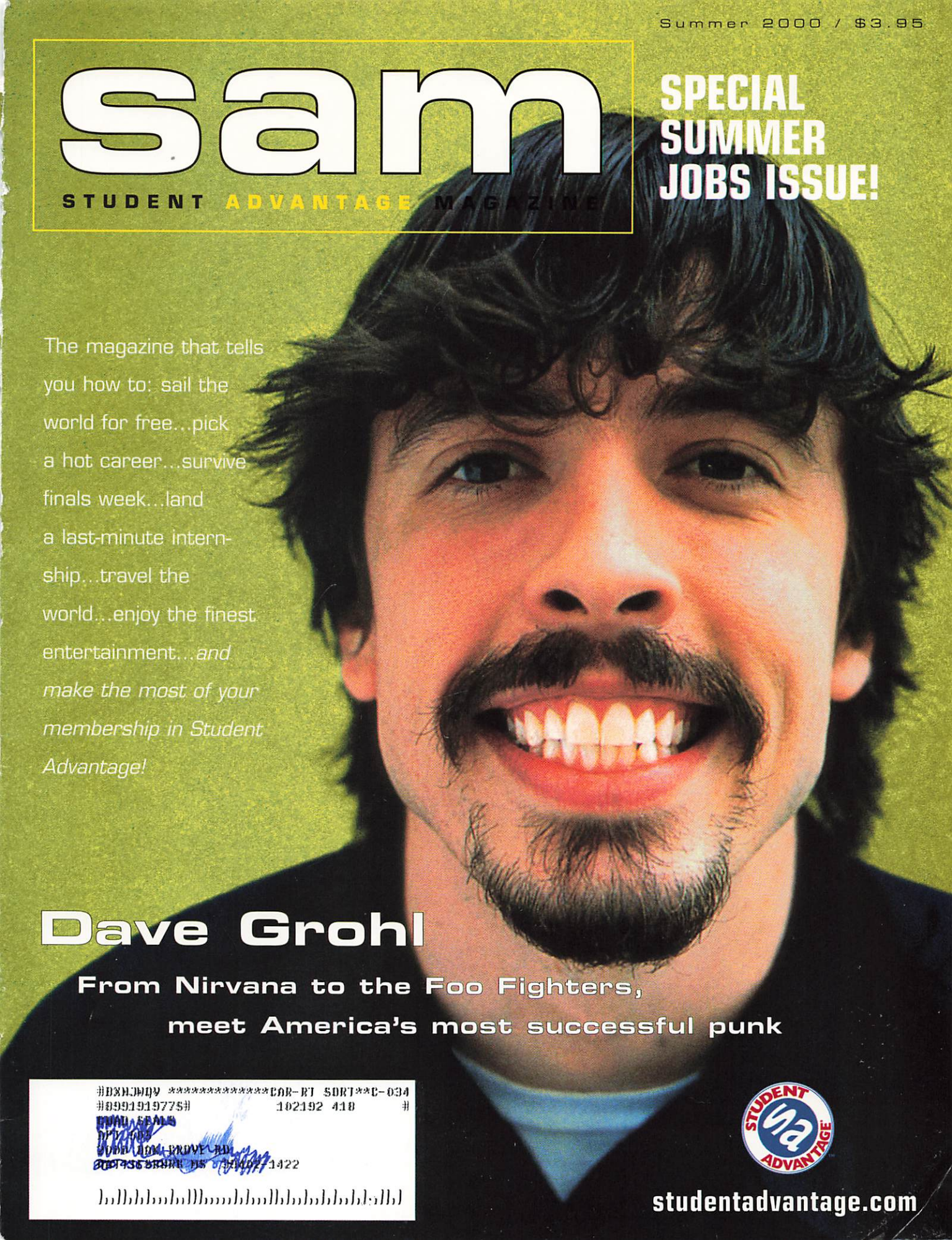

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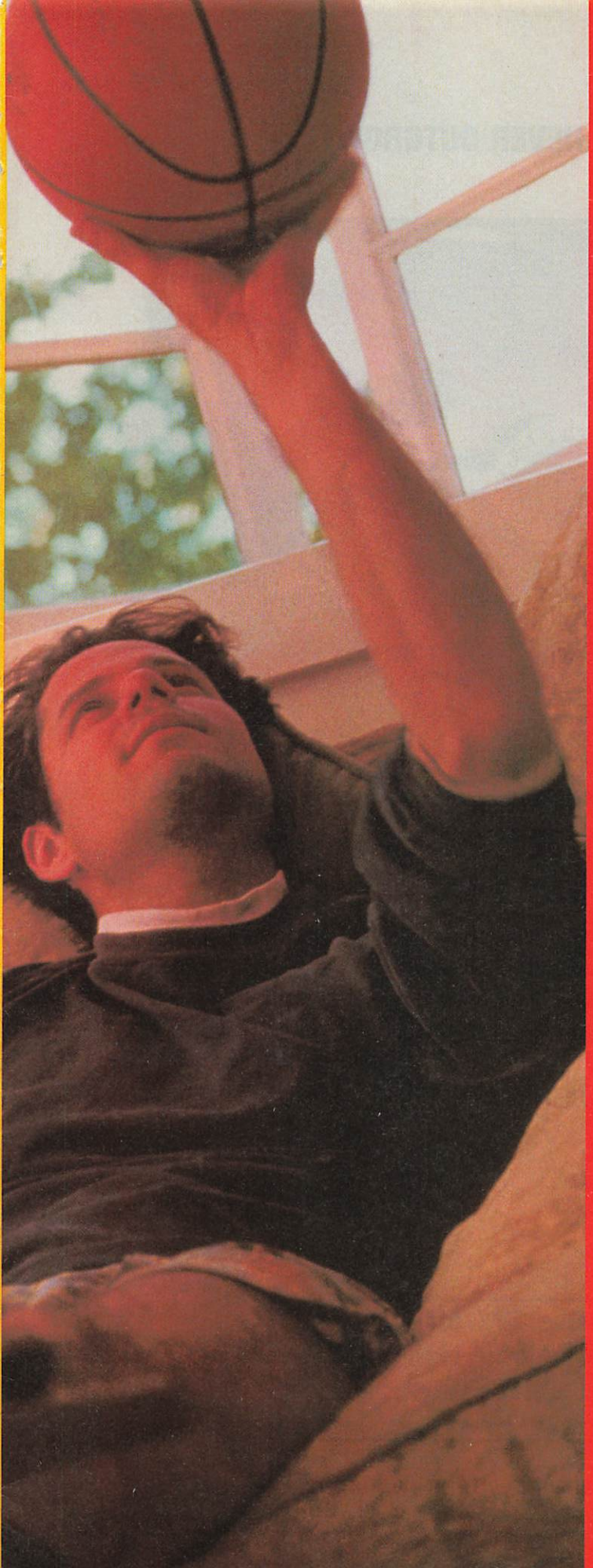

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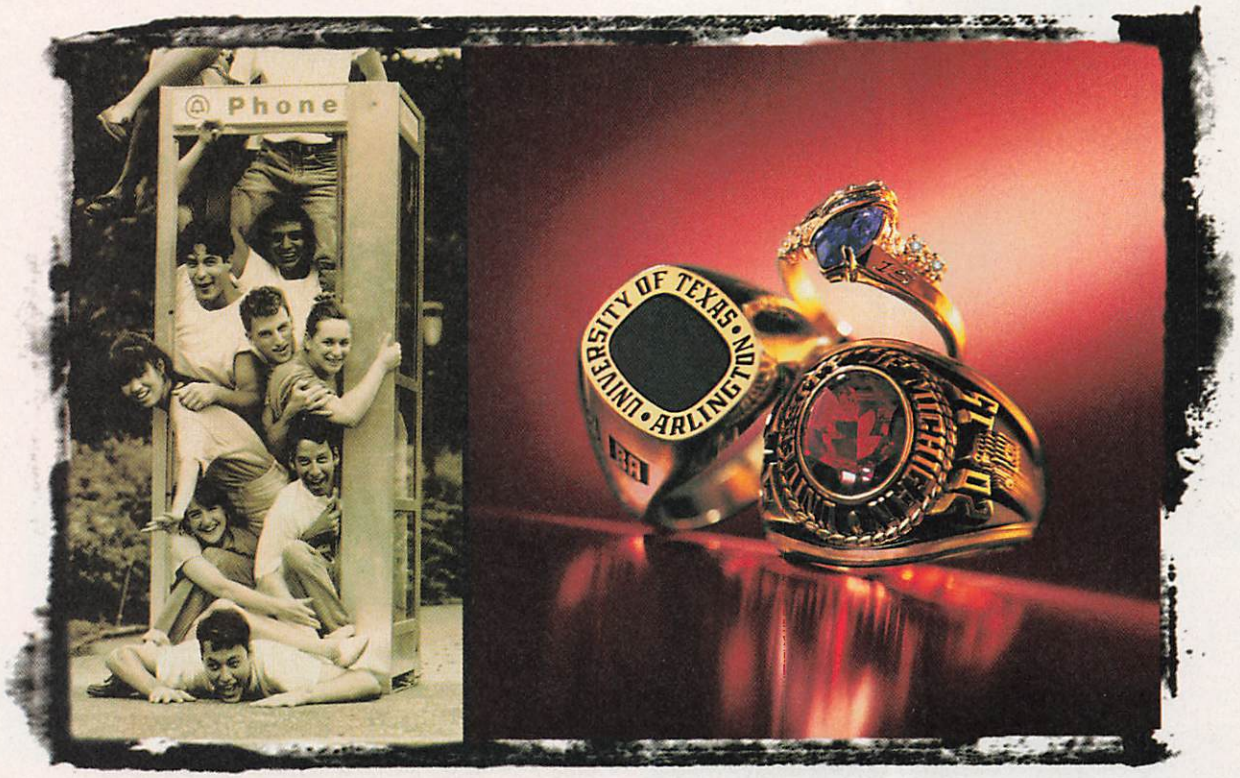

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WELL, THIS IS IT: THE END OF THE SEMESTER, the end of the year and—for some of you—the culmination of eons of studying, all-too-frequent all-nighters and unbelievably good times. Yes, it's graduation.

If you're like most soon-to-be grads, though, you're not yet thinking about uncorking the champagne and celebrating. Instead, you can only think about one thing: what you'll actually be doing after the big event.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS...it's what you've been saying, and your voice has been heard. We realize that finding your first job is your number-one concern. And, who could blame you? According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the American market will increase during the next ten years by 20 million jobs to a total of 160 million. Which job's for you? Before you panic, take a look at this special "summer jobs" issue where we explore the top ten fastest-growing careers of the future.

This month's SAM is also crammed with articles you'll find useful—whether you're saying goodbye to those hallowed halls for good or just for the summer. We'll show you how to survive the stress of finals week, sail the world (for free), score an apartment online and land your last-minute internship.

Planning on doing a little traveling in the next few months? Talk about perfect timing! In this issue, we launch our brand-new Travel section, kicking it off by telling you all you need to know for that trek to Europe this summer. Be sure to look to this section in future issues for tips and up-to-the-minute travel information.

So have a safe and healthy summer, and don't forget—use your Student Advantage Card and go online at studentadvantage.com for great discounts you can really use. With so many national partners—including Tower Records, edu.com, Staples, Amtrak and AT&T—you're bound to use more than a few in the months ahead. And keep telling us about the sponsors you'd like to see as well as the articles and issues you'd like to know more about. Your opinion is extremely important to us.

To the graduating class of 2000, congratulations and best of luck from everyone here on the Student Advantage team. To the rest of you—whether you're spending the summer lying in the sun or working in a two-by-four-foot cubicle—all of us at Student Advantage look forward to seeing you in September!

Regards,

Raymond V. Sozzi, Jr.
Founder

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RESPOND TO SAM

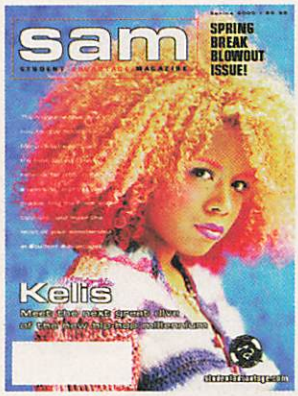
MAIL BONDING

Read This

I've been getting your mag this whole year, and I think it's kind of cool. I was talking to my friend who goes to school at Michigan State, though, and he doesn't receive it. He's all bummin' now. Since I'm such a damn good pal, I figured I'd ask: How can he get a subscription?

—Jeremy, College of Charleston

Wow, you are a good friend. That's more than we would do... Anyway, tell your buddy to sign up for a Student Advantage card by going to student advantage.com and clicking on "become a member." It's free if he also signs up with AT&T. And his first issue? It'll arrive at the start of next semester. —Ed.



Vote This

In response to your article on the state of politics on campus (Spring 2000 issue), since 18- to 20-year-olds fought for and won the right to vote in the '60s, we have never exercised that right. We are the demographic that fails the most to actually show up at the polls. Therefore, politicians are not scared of us. They would be, though, if we voted. Veterans and the elderly vote, so that's who congressmen and politicians talk to most. We can totally change politics; there are millions of students. We just need to register and flex our muscles a little.

—Monica, Bard College

Pay This

In regards to your article on the cost of college (Winter 2000 issue), YES!!!!! I think the price of college is completely outrageous! My parents about went through the roof when they found out just how much *one* year costs. I wish we could go on strike or something—but that wouldn't really do any good.

—anonymous

Pierce This

I recently got my navel pierced. I've always been the "good girl" that all the guys want to take home to mom. I am still that "good girl." The fact that I have my navel pierced does not mean I am any different inside.

Therefore, I did not appreciate that Organdonor in the Spring 2000 SAM said he "would not want to date a girl (who's pierced) like that." The only people who know about my piercing are those I show it to. So I don't think it's fair to say that a girl's not for you based on a hole in her body. Besides, Organdonor, you could be missing out on the best thing that ever happened to you!

—Erica, Loyola College

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TAKE ISSUE WITH SAM

IS THE GREEK SYSTEM GOOD...OR EVIL?

In each new SAM, we ask our readers to visit our Web site to take issue with a hot college topic. This issue, we opened one of the all-time great debates: the merits of fraternities and sororities. The response was overwhelming. Some argued that the Greek system is noble and virtuous. Others insisted that Greeks are arrogant and elitist. Can't we all just get along? Well, apparently not.

It's stupid and invalid to characterize all Greeks as rich, snobbish, out of control and elitist. That's like saying that all minorities are ghetto, poor or ignorant.

As an Alpha Phi at University of the Pacific I know firsthand the advantages and disadvantages of Greek life. Fraternities and sororities bring excitement and fun to a campus. I could not imagine attending a school without Greek life. Yes, most Greeks love to party (as do I), but excessive drinking and partying is a personal choice that exists whether or not you are part of the Greek system.

—Ali, University of the Pacific

I've read a lot of studies on the Greek system—fraternities in particular. What they seem to promote is heavy alcohol consumption; luring young, innocent female students; and partying every chance they get. It seems those involved put up a front during the week for campus administrators, but come Thursday night they start partying.

—Zi, Cal State University, Los Angeles

I'm part of the Greek system and I think it's great.

—Melanie, University of New Hampshire

Why is it that the only people you ever hear defending the Greeks are the Greeks themselves? If it's such a wonderful society, shouldn't at least a *few* other students think so, too?

—Terry, Michigan State University

I'm a member of a Greek letter society. Some love us, some hate us; it's not for everybody. If you're interested, check it out; if not, then leave us alone. Part of society involves joining groups—whether it's the team you picked in the Super Bowl to your church, your school or your fraternity.

Why don't we just allow all of this to occur without vengeance? After all, you wouldn't want someone to criticize your choice in faith, would you?

—Jürgen, University of North Texas

Greeks suck. Deep down inside, even they know it—but they're rich and powerful so they don't care. They're the same jocks and beauty queens who tortured the rest of us in high school. They're also, unfortunately, the same snobs you'll wind up working with after you graduate. They're here; they're your peers; get used to it.

—Jason, Kansas State University

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CHAT WITH SAM

ARE INTERNSHIPS A WASTE OF TIME?

Visit the "Discussions" at studentadvantage.com to read posts on virtually every aspect of college life, including thousands of opinions on everything from dating to grad school to religion on campus. Here's one small example of what you'll find—member responses to the question: "Are internships a waste of time?"

Internships are really what you make of them. Even if the only knowledge you're gaining is the best way to soothe papercuts from all those hours stuffing envelopes, you can always parlay a loser internship into a better one. At my last internship (which consisted of many hours bonding with Mr. Xerox), I managed to lunch with enough people until I was offered a kickin' internship with a film production agency. So even if the work is no-brainer, you can always use your ingenuity to get ahead.
—KipWilson

The idea that an internship is only as good as you make it takes the onus completely off the employer when it comes to creating a worthwhile job experience. Some internships are wastes of time—absolutely. Maybe it's because the company never had an intern before. Maybe the employer equates an intern with cheap or even free labor. The question of worthiness should go both ways—am I worthy of the job, and more importantly, is the job worthy of me?
—keylime

I would be furious if my internship involved mainly pouring coffee and making copies—unless I worked at Starbucks or Kinko's, of course.
—siamus1

I found my internship experience at the *Christian Science Monitor* in Moscow to be valuable because I discovered that I didn't want to be a foreign correspondent after all.

This, to me, is the most important part of an internship: you can learn a number of things about any job you're interested in. Just keep your eyes open and ask yourself critical questions: Is this the kind of environment that I want to work in? Do the people in these positions live the kind of life that I want for myself? Do I think I could do this day after day?

Finding answers to these questions before you start the job hunt might keep you from being yet another miserable member of the workforce.
—mussor

My résumé used to be a joke until I landed some internships. Although they were cheesy ones, now other companies at least give me a look.
—joon

I'm beginning to see a disturbing trend of college students stepping foot on the corporate ladder earlier and earlier... Soon Corporate America will be raiding the crib.

There are plenty of other ways to get an edge on the playing field. As a veteran of the college admissions process, I've realized that independent work is an overlooked enterprise in this country. For example, I started my own SAT-tutoring business, while two of my friends started their own Web hosting/design business. Both have proved quite profitable. The road to success has many paths; interning is only one of them.
—ac565

There are a ton of opportunities out there, all you have to do is look on the Web. These are the best sites for finding a summer internship: The Vault, Job Bank USA, Monster, HotJobs... Just remember, the longer you wait to apply, the better the chance you won't get a thing. Do you really want to stock shelves for another summer?
—cutter79

Unpaid internships should be outlawed. You're there and you're doing work that, well, if you weren't there, they would have to hire someone to do. And then when you graduate, guess what? There aren't any entry-level jobs because other idiots like us are working for these morons.

I'm not saying interns need to make amazing money, but they should get at least minimum wage. Now, all the rich kids can take all the cool internships because they don't have to worry about saving for the next school year.

Make a stand right now! Don't take those unpaid internships! Stop prostituting yourselves!
—fatalbert

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SAM SURVEY

TAKE THE GRAD SCHOOL EXAM

When we say "grad school," what do you think? *Gosh, I'd love to be able to spend another four years in college expanding my intellect,* or *Gee, I'd rather have my eyelids surgically removed by aliens.* Either way, here's how your fellow students feel about "four more years."

Do you plan to attend grad school?
71% Yes
29% No

If so, what degree do you plan to attain?
64% Master's degree (MA, MS, MFA)
20% Professional degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB, DV)
16% Doctoral degree (PhD)

If grad school were free, would you go then?
94% Yes
6% No

If you're planning on attending grad school, what's your main motivation?
50% I want to earn more money.
21% You can't go anywhere in my field without a graduate degree.
18% I have a thirst for knowledge.
11% The real world sucks.

If you're not planning on grad school, what's your main reason?
37% I don't want to pay student loans for the rest of my life.
30% I can't stand the thought of all those years of studying.
22% My parents would kill me.
11% I'd rather get paid to work.

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EVERYTHING THEY DON'T TEACH YOU IN CLASS

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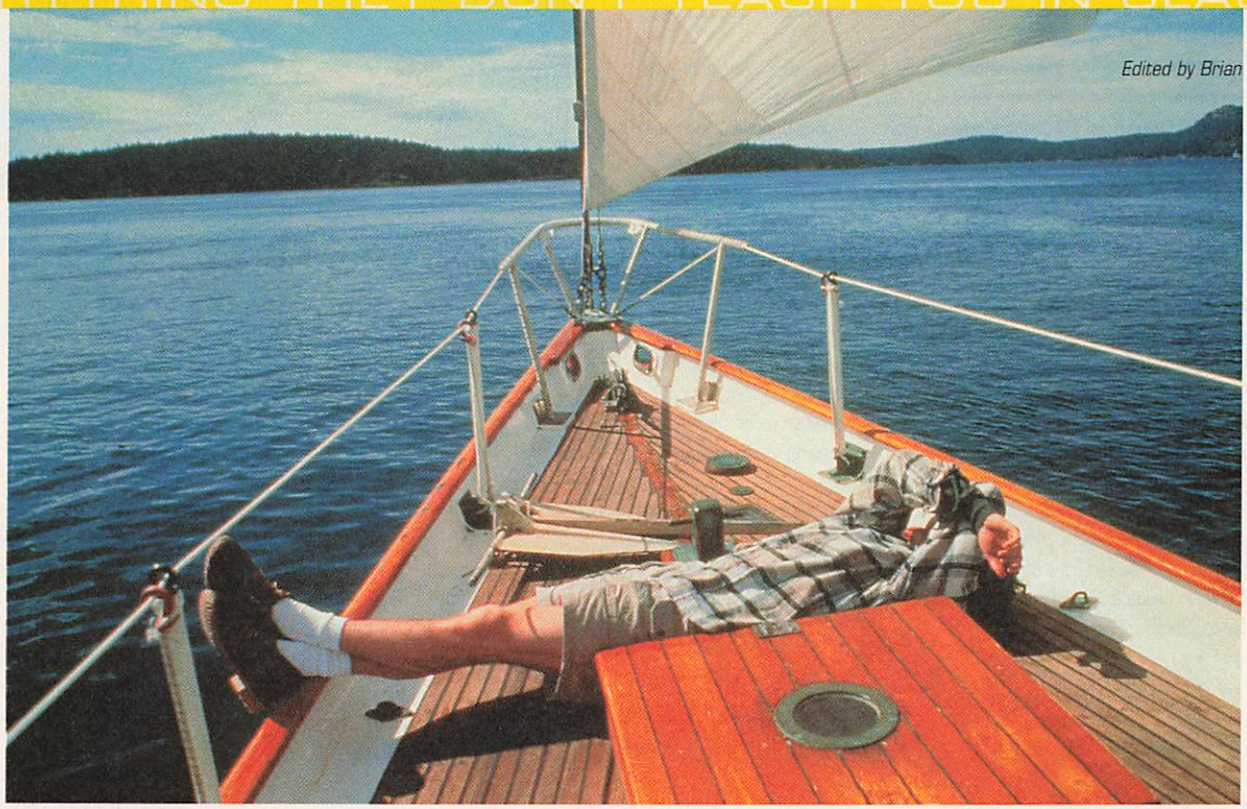

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MAKE YOUR OWN FRUIT SMOOTHIES: You'll first need a "base," which can be either, according to your tastes, frozen yogurt or bananas, whose gummy con-

SAIL THE WORLD...FOR FREE

HOW TO

Adding the phrase "world sailor" to your résumé would be a dandy thing all by itself—one heckuva summer job. But for those with a yen to see the globe, you might be surprised to learn how easy it is. You need neither a wealth of experience nor Dennis Conner's home phone number to land a slot on board, according to Greg Becker, author of *The Seagoing Hitchhiker's Handbook: Roaming the Earth on Other People's Yachts,* and a seasoned sailor whose peregrinations have taken him to 57 countries.

Intrigued? It gets better. Consider that your transport won't be some leaky dinghy: most often they're luxury yachts, the floating castles of the world's sniffy rich. And they're desperate for good help—crew who can keep the ship clean, scan weather reports and be a helpful presence on deck.

Experience does help, of course. If possible, "try to get some sailing in ahead of time," Becker says. "All ports along U.S. coasts have free races and they welcome newcomers. It's astonishing how easy it is to find a position on a yacht in a weekly race." If you're unfamiliar with sailing terms and protocol, this introduction will prove invaluable. From there, find out who's sailing where, advertise your merits and hop aboard. (Extraneous skills, such as mechanical aptitude or being a great cook, will certainly increase your attractiveness to captains.)

As for payment? It's a sometime thing. Professional outfits abound for the more experienced, but most private yachts don't pay their crew much above maritime subsistence, figuring (with some justification) that the freedom of sailing the earth on someone else's party palace is sufficient compensation. But paying jobs are available, particularly along the U.S. East Coast and in Europe. "I made heaps of money doing this," Becker notes.

So get thee to a coast, find thee a port and offer up your services. The summer months witness frenzied activity across both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. If you're a Europhile, choose the former; if the exotic waters around Australia and Micronesia sound more appealing, go with the latter. For more info, contact the American Sailing Association at 310-822-7171 or www.american-sailing.com. "Get your ass out and go; don't just read about it," Becker says. "Once you're out the door, you're halfway around the world."

For more on landing cool summer gigs, check out the hundreds of job-hunting articles at studentadvantage.com/career.

HOW TO

SURVIVE FINALS WEEK

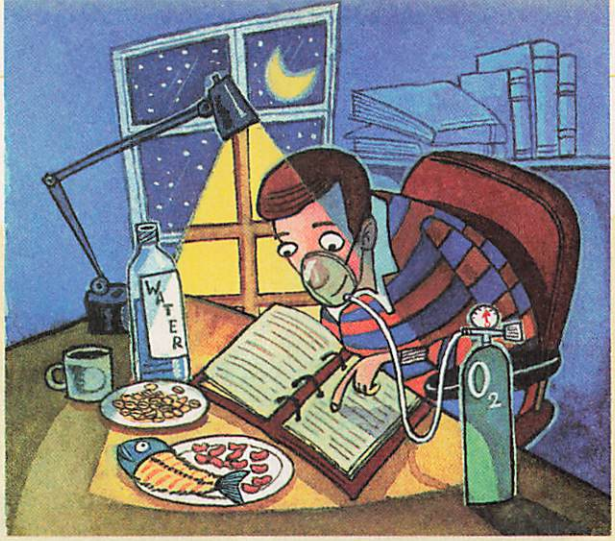
"Final exam" has such a menacing and foreboding ring to it—like "terminal illness" and "sudden death." But although these exams routinely top surveys of what stresses college students most, a little preparation can help you cruise through finals as easily as Alexander the Great cruised through Persia in 334 B.C. (A+!)

The model is a pro athlete before the big game: like Kurt Warner or Mia Hamm, outline your goal (e.g., pass with flying colors) and lock in. "Stay focused on your main job: being a student," says Lucy Blood, an educator and author of the mind-over-matter tome *Learn Study Skills* (www.learnstudyskills.com). "Save the parties and celebrations for the postfinals fling."

Fair enough. But such monklike discipline is also promoted by—surprise—sleep, exercise and sensible chow. Eat lots of protein: beans, nuts, fish. They contain the amino acids that produce the neurotransmitters dopamine and norepinephrine, which help keep you alert and focused. Likewise, your brain is about three-quarters Perrier and Evian, so drink rivers of water.

You also, of course, need to study. Can't distinguish Robert E. Lee from Tommy Lee, or the 95 Theses from 98 Degrees? A tip: Don't cram. It's counterproductive. "Countless studies have shown that we retain more information by focusing on something for half an hour and then changing to something else rather than cramming for ten hours straight," Blood says.

Lastly, keep your stress down by—seriously—remembering to breathe properly. Poor breathing, Blood points out, adds to mental fatigue. "Often students become so stressed during an exam that they begin to 'shallow breathe.' The brain needs lots of oxygen. When you feel your stress level rise, stop and say to yourself, 'Keep breathing.'"



Jeff Shelly

Besides, once you stop breathing, your odds of passing your exams start dropping very, very quickly.

Want more advice on handling the scourge of finals? Read the plethora of articles and discussions at studentadvantage.com/education.

HOW TO

COPE WITH CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

Between writing papers, e-mailing your friends and loitering in chat rooms talking to hotstuff@hotstuff.com, your hands are probably getting quite a workout these days. Bad news, cyberpunk: you're a candidate for repetitive stress injury, the best-known form of which is carpal tunnel syndrome. The good news? Even if you get it, it's probably curable without surgery.

No national figures exist, but a recent survey at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Medical Center estimated that one in 40 college students is afflicted with RSI, caused by pressure on the median nerve at the wrist joint from swollen or inflamed surrounding tissue. If you experience tingling or numbness in your hands, or sharp pain that shoots from the wrist to the arm, get it checked at once. (Your student health plan will probably cover treatment, but ask for specifics upon consultation.)

Then learn to surf smart. "Take a break at least once an hour when doing repetitive work involving the hands," says Dr. H. Winter Griffith, author of *The Complete Guide to Symptoms, Illnesses and Well-Being.* Most ergonomic experts also suggest shaking and stretching your hands often to relieve discomfort. And make sure your computer area allows for proper posture: forearms resting on your desk, thighs parallel to the floor as you sit, your mouse positioned so you don't have to reach to use it.

If discomfort persists, Griffith offers this test: "Place the backs of your hands together with your fingers pointing straight down and your elbows pointing out to the sides, so your wrists are at a 90-degree angle. If the symptoms are brought on by holding this position for one minute, you most likely have carpal tunnel syndrome." See a doctor at once.

Remember, carpal tunnel is curable. Exercises and common sense should do the trick. But above all else, your mother was right when she barked at you for playing Doom all day. For Pete's sake, leave the computer for a few hours and go run around outside.

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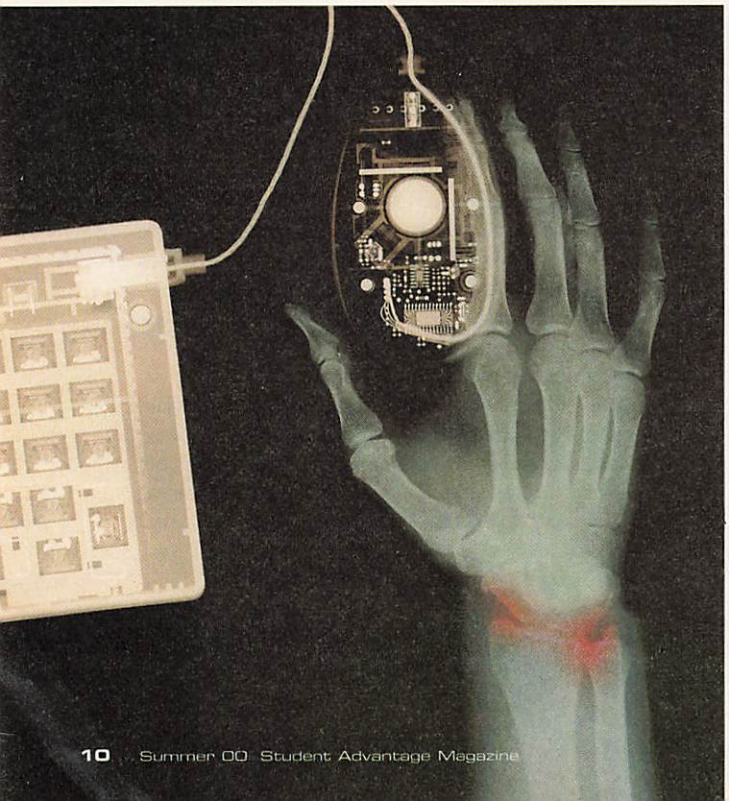

sistency when blended binds the smoothie together. Then choose your fruit—let's go with orange-banana-pineapple-strawberry, a popular choice on the smoothie circuit. To make two pints of smoothie, combine in a

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SCORE AN APARTMENT ONLINE

So you landed a killer summer internship (see below) fetching Regis's coffee on the set of *Who Wants to be a Rich Doofus?* The problem? The show's in New York, your home's in Seattle—and crashing on Reege's couch doesn't seem to be an option. How can you find an apartment from afar? Two words: the Web.

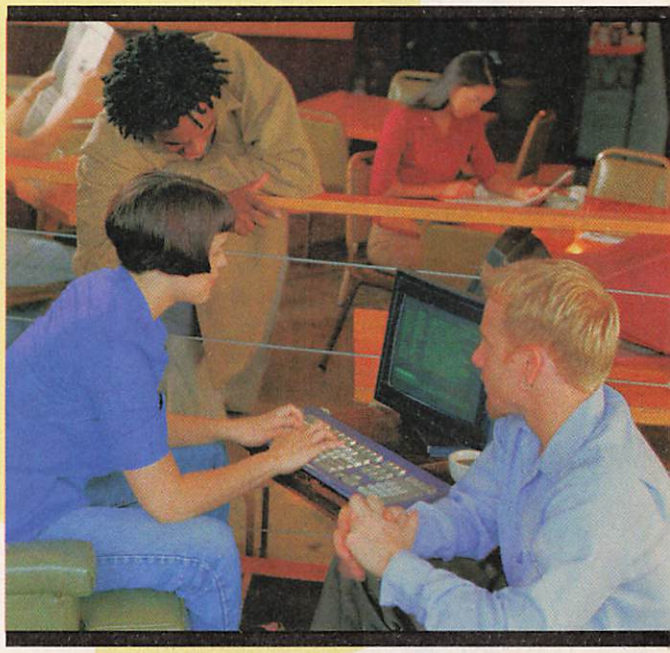
"Online is definitely the place to go for a long-distance apartment search," says Amy Tubbs, director at the National Apartment Association. Indeed, in recent years, the booming economy has constricted real estate markets, particularly in big cities: vacancy rates are in the low single digits in metropolitan areas around the country.

The Web helps alleviate this problem by allowing you to focus on exactly what you want. Well-known national sites like SpringStreet (www.springstreet.com) and Apartments Nationwide (www.apartmentsnationwide.com) let you pick a city and craft a wish list as precisely as if you were buying a tailored suit. One bedroom or two? Hardwood floors? Gas or electric heat? Preferred price range?

Chances are, of course, you're not looking for a full lease, and the likelihood of finding a three-month deal on a national site is pretty slim. The solution here is local newspapers, accessed online. Call the local Chamber of Commerce, ask for the Web addresses of all local papers and dig your way around their online classified ads.

Check also these major real-estate sites: www.rent.net, www.aptselector.com, www.apartments.com, www.aptsforrent.com. They all offer a similar range of features—and if you can't make a trip to look at the place before you rent, you can generally see a picture of it online, sometimes every room from different angles. Once you've found a decent place, call the listed broker (or, often, the landlord directly) and haggle away. As Mr. Philbin could tell you, that's the true million-dollar question: Even in a tight market, can you find a decent, affordable place from afar? Thanks to the Web, the answer—the *final* answer—is yes.

For more information on putting a roof over your head, click on "Roommates & Housing" at studentadvantage.com/campus.



HOW TO

LAND A LAST-MINUTE INTERNSHIP

Remember the summers of yesteryear, when your greatest responsibility was remembering to bathe daily? Ah, childhood... Well, wake up! Summers are now about getting experience—honing your chops in your chosen field. And that, dear reader, means internships.

But *whoops*, it's March already, and you've done nothing about internships other than become green with envy over the cool ones your friends are landing. If you'd like to do something more productive this summer than operate the deep fryer, you'd better get cracking.

The good news is it's not too late—but you need to make a concerted effort. "Pounding the pavement is very effective," says Tim La Velle, president of Rising Star (www.rsinternships.com), an online service that unites eager would-be interns with employers. "Find a company you're interested in, find a contact there and then pay them a visit or call them up: 'Here's what I have to offer; here are my skills.' It works."

You'll also find several national internship clearinghouses in cyberspace, including National Internships (www.internships.com) and JobTrack (www.jobtrack.com). They're generally more useful than books. Why? "One problem with books is that a lot of the internships listed may no longer be active," La Velle says. "Maybe Ford hired some interns last year, so they're in this year's book. But those specific positions may not be available." Indeed, Rising Star used to publish an internship directory book before deciding in 1997 that the Web was more effective.

Thus, do your preliminary research on the Web, where postings are often updated daily, then go out and burn some shoe leather. La Velle points out that while many big-shot corporate internships are sewn up formally and quickly (not to mention nepotistically), most smaller companies have fluid internships and are amenable to hiring students who show an enthusiasm for the place. "Get in there," he says. "Companies like people who are eager to prove themselves. It's not too late."

jeff shelly

For more advice on landing jobs and internships, click on "Internships/Co-ops" at studentadvantage.com/career.

HOW TO

TOLERATE YOUR INTOLERABLE COWORKERS

Over the years, you've come to understand that in each and every class you take, a certain subhuman set of students will fill a certain percentage of seats: the butt kisser, the snorer, the gum snapper, the ignoramus. You dream of the day when you can wave goodbye to these space wasters and move on to your professional life.

Unfortunately, when you actually land that first job or internship, what you encounter is...an entirely new set of space wasters. The good news is that now you're getting paid to tolerate them. And the better news? You've got this handy-dandy chart for tolerating them in style.
—Michelle Silver

NAME	TRAIT	YOU'D LIKE TO...	YOU SHOULD...
the Hoverer	Hangs around your cubicle all day long, yammering about everything from the latest episode of *Judge Judy* to the medicinal qualities of tree bark.	Tell him precisely where to put his tree bark.	When you hear him coming, pick up the phone and immediately start speaking into it. If that doesn't work, tell him you're late for a meeting while grabbing a handful of papers and running out of the cubicle.
the Favor Craver	Boss who always needs a tiny personal favor from you (e.g., pick up her dry cleaning, polish her briefcase, take her pet poodle to the "poodle boutique").	Scream, "Do *me* a favor and hire a personal assistant!"	Remind yourself that you're getting résumé-boosting experience and learning skills to help land your next job. If all you're doing are favors, though, explain to her that you're ready for more "professional" duties.
the Ear Buster	Cubicle-mate who constantly yells into phone receiver at decibels that could break glass.	At 3 AM, start calling his home every ten minutes and screaming into the receiver.	If a Walkman is not a possibility, ask him gently to tone it down. He probably has no idea he sounds like a foghorn. Remind as necessary.
the Leno Wannabe	Always calling you with jokes he seems to have stolen from a Dixie cup.	Assure him he has "the gift" and encourage him to quit his job and leave for Vegas.	Give him "joke of the day" Web sites to keep him busy and then ask him to e-mail you his favorite ones. (Delete upon delivery.)
the Credit Stealer	Repeatedly tells boss that *your* ideas were *his*.	Call Tonya Harding for a special encore presentation of that famous kneecap-bashing routine.	Whenever you come up with good ideas, send a memo to your boss immediately so she knows it came from you. After that, tell the credit stealer your idea; he'll look like a fool as he tries to pass it off as his own.
the Sloth	Sits in his cubicle playing Tetris, clipping toenails, picking his nose and e-mailing friends all day.	Pull the fire alarm just to see if he has to be surgically removed from his chair.	Do absolutely nothing. As long as you don't have to rely on him, this is not your problem. Eventually, he'll get busted of his own accord—and there's no reason to create enemies at the office.
the Bailer	Team member who always thinks of excuses to go home early, leaving you with a full workload.	Barricade all the doors and chain him to the water cooler.	Create a list together of who is responsible for what duties and when they will be done. That way, his slacking does not get mixed up with your slacking, and you have a record of your progress on paper.

Head to studentadvantage.com/career/ for more tips on handling the horrors of the workplace.

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Pour into two pint glasses, chill them for an hour and enjoy. Prepared as described, these treats will cost about a dollar per pint—about a 75 percent savings over what you'd pay at the local juice bar. Smooth, huh?

What's your next career move? Making French Fries.

Lets face it, working at the local chicken joint won't give you the kind of experience you need for a great job after graduation. Of course, pinning down that internship can be a challenge too!

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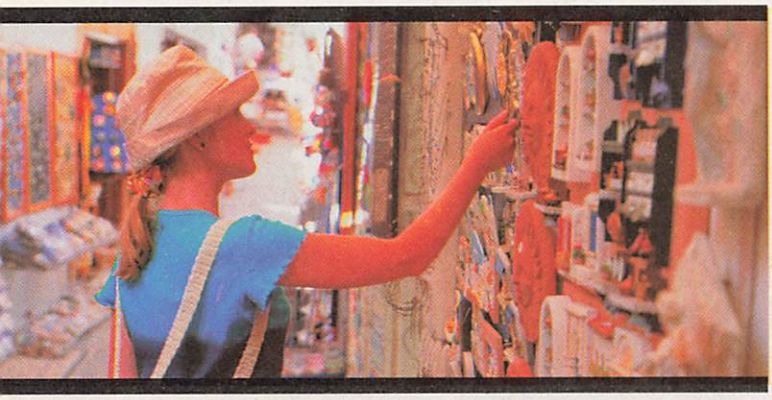
Ready to take the leap this summer into the brave new workplace? Be warned: one thing advocates of the "real world" conveniently forget to mention is that once you cross over, the first thing you lose (aside from your ability to recover from a hangover) is the guarantee of twelve weeks off every summer. So if you've been dreaming about venturing across the Atlantic, now's the time to go.

According to Lisa Wooldridge, marketing manager for Contiki, more and more graduates are deferring internships, employment and enrollment in graduate programs for the opportunity to see the world. And don't be daunted by the cost of braving a new continent alone—there are many options for even the most frugal (read: cheap) traveler. If you're low on cash, Wooldridge suggests hitting up your parents and grandparents. If you're planning to visit a number of countries, a Eurail Pass will be a must.



Of course, those of you looking forward to the adventure of carrying a 40-pound pack and washing your underpants in a bathroom sink will need one of the tried-and-true student guidebooks such as the *Let's Go* series or *Rough Guides*. Another great source of information is other travelers who have just come from the direction you're headed.

So what if spontaneity is less important to you than the security of knowing where you're going to be sleeping that night? Then booking a trip with a tour company may be the thing to do. Before you shudder at the shameful thought of being trapped in a minivan with a group of tourists sporting black knee-hi socks, know that tour companies such as Contiki specialize in designing packages for young adults from all over the world. Budget land packages start at $57 per day and include continental breakfast, hostel-style accommodations and some dinners.

Whether you opt to wander the map alone or travel in the safety of a group, the best way to get started is by doing research on the Internet and then visiting a nearby student travel specialist such as Council Travel. Their well-traveled staff and vast product selections will allow you to do all your shopping in one stop. And remember: even if the Mona Lisa turns out to be smaller than you thought she'd be, you'll be happy you took the time to see her when you did. *—Brenda Arechiga*

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Five Sites to the Sights

What's that? So we've got you jazzed on traveling abroad, but you don't have a passport? Well, considering that only about 10 percent of the population does, that's no surprise. If you've never traveled far enough to require one or you were still a brunette when your last passport photo was taken, **travel.state.gov/passport_services.html** offers instructions for first-time applicants, a list of fees and an online application for renewals.

Next, check out **www.eurotrip.com**. Claiming to be the ultimate "backpackin' Europe" resource, this lively site contains a seemingly infinite amount of information for anyone traveling abroad—including access to everything from "Cheap Airfare Tactics" to listings of cultural and entertainment events across Europe.

If you're interested in a tour, log on to **www.contiki.com**. This easy-to-navigate site is divided into four sections, including a Traveler's Community featuring an interactive message board. But before you purchase anything, click over to **www.counciltravel.com**. The site offers practical information and features a "Quick Search" student airfare finder. The "Hot News" section contains their latest promotions and international travel news.

Last but not least: that pesky little language barrier. The Foreign Language for Travelers Web site **(www.travlang.com)** is a must for anyone looking to *hablar* and *sprechen* the native tongues. All the basic phrases are here, and this online translating tool even lets you hear them spoken by a native. At last, no more need to rely on that useless "speaking louder" trick. *—BA*

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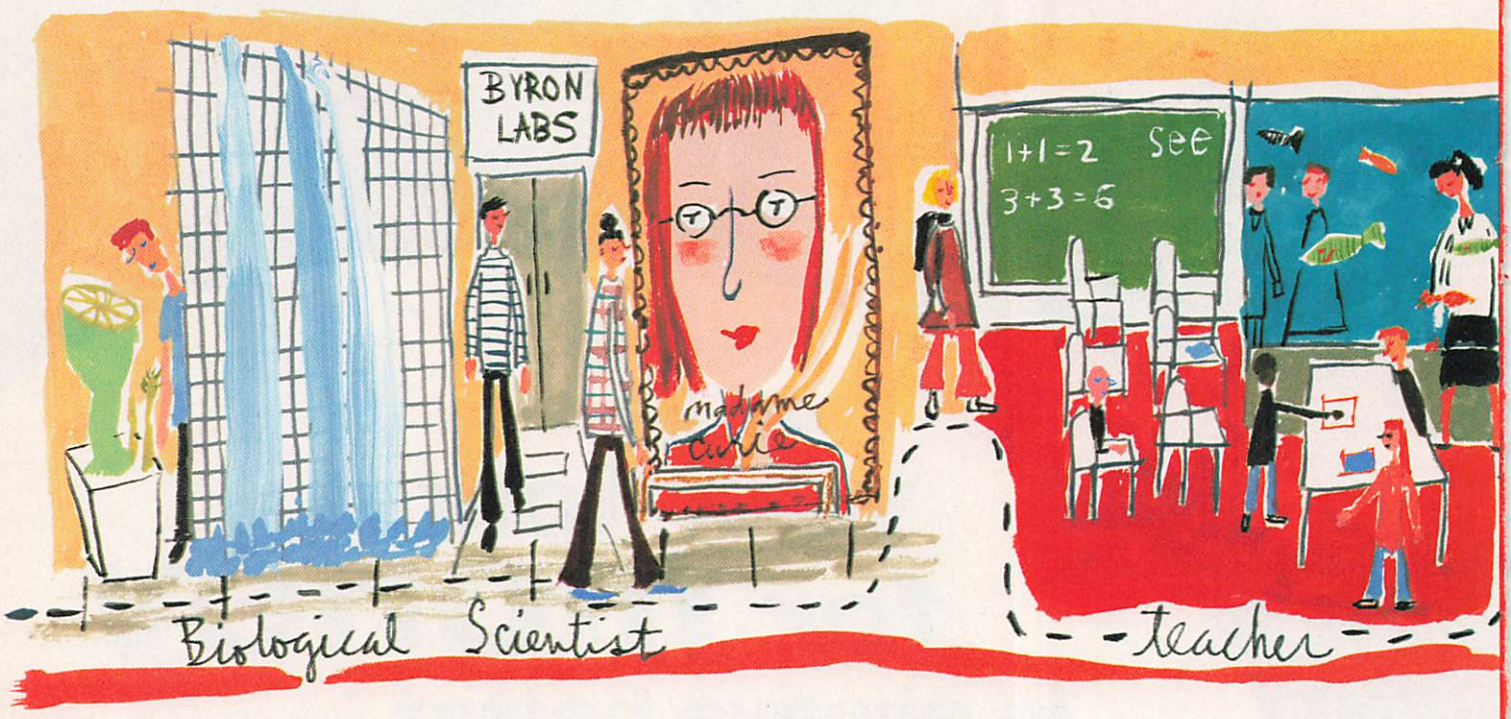

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Would you like to major in a fast-rising field? Want to know what the hottest careers data to determine this: the top ten hottest jobs of the future. *By Brian Dawson*

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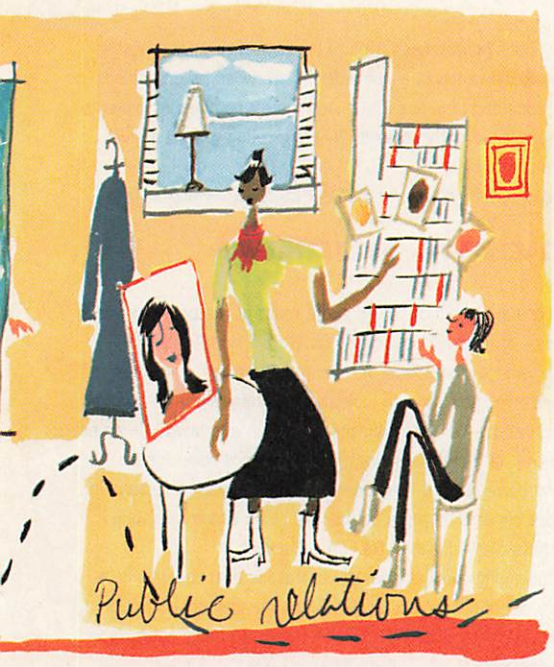

NOT TO PRY INTO YOUR PERSONAL MATTERS, but in our humble opinion, you really should thank your parents. Why? Because if you're a college student today, then your parents had the foresight to sire you at just the right time. Yes, instead of entering the workforce during the odious recessions of the eighties and early nineties, you're poised to matriculate into a sizzling job market that seems daily to herald nothing but sunny news. Lucky you!

Consider the evidence: The current economic expansion recently entered its 107th month, the longest boom in the country's history. The U.S. Department of Labor projects that the nation's economic output will cool only slightly during the next ten years, with continued low unemployment and productivity gains that will increase the American job market, currently at around 140 million jobs, by 20 million more.

The prospects are especially good for college graduates, who on balance earn about two-thirds more than those with mere high school diplomas on their walls. Somewhere in the mix, there's something for you. *Health care?* Booming. *Financial services?* En fuego. *High tech?* Eye-popping growth.

But although the future looks glowing in many fields, some careers still burn brighter than others. That's where we come in. We've torn through surveys. We've crunched the numbers. We've interviewed experts, futurists and analysts. And we've done it all in the name of providing you with this definitive list of the top ten careers of the future—the jobs that you can, well, take to the bank.

10. TEACHER

(Projected growth by 2010: 24.1%)

In a little-noticed twist in this peculiar political season, the two Republican senators who delivered the GOP response to President Clinton's January State of the Union address boasted that

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of tomorrow are—today? We polled experts, asked analysts and scoured the

Republicans had actually proposed *more* federal money for education this year than the president himself. How did this happen in a party that was proposing to abolish the Department of Education only six years ago? One word: politics.

Educating the nation's young is great politics, especially in an election year when the country is as fat and happy as Louie Anderson. Teachers, therefore, are in demand. Every permutation of educator is projected to increase in employment in the years to come, by many thousands in each case. "Demand for teachers in all grade levels and interest areas will be high in large cities and small rural locations," says jobs guru Shelly Field in her book *100 Best Careers for the 21st Century.*

Wages vary greatly, of course, as does work environment. But when even Republicans are crowing about federal bucks for teachers, it's a growth field no matter how you look at it.

FYI: American Federation of Teachers, 202-879-4400, www.aft.org

9. PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST

(24.6% growth)

Like any savvy public relations guru, Bill Adams practically jumps through the phone when asked his prognosis of PR in the coming years. "It's growing even as we talk!" exults Adams, a public relations professor at Florida International University.

The reason? From politics to entertainment to business, "spin" is everywhere: today's PR specialists do everything from promoting products to tweaking news stories. How deeply has PR penetrated? Adams need look no further than Miami itself, where the relatives of six-year-old Cuban émigré Elián González have actually retained a PR rep to handle the media crush.

Indeed, it's difficult to find a business today that doesn't have someone handling its spin.

Career-Minded... but Not Close-Minded

Sure, it's useful to know the hottest careers of the future. But picking a career isn't just about hopping on the latest bandwagon—right?

Right?

Well, maybe that is a good question, the type that we love to pose on studentadvantage.com, where you'll find discussions on hundreds of juicy topics. In the interest of offering a counterpoint to this article, here's a sample of career-related postings from students just like you.

Do you want to be rich, or do you want to be happy? Do you want job security, or do you want to do what you love? Do you want to be part of an "exciting" new field, or do you want to be excited by what you're doing?

Don't follow the crowd. You're better off following your passions and talents—that's where you'll succeed. *—lakergrrl*

You go (laker)girl! If everyone was so easily influenced by the next "hot thing," what a boring bunch we'd be! Actually, we'd be a culture of computer programmers and, pardon me all of you programmers out there, but AAAAH!

The Internet is huge now but can everyone be a programmer and, what's more, would they want to? If you're going to follow a trend, at least pick one that offers some excitement, for God's sake, and not because your parents and grandparents are impressed that you're part of that "computer stuff." *—abbysue*

The reason CS majors come out of a four-year college with huge job offers is simple: they love what they do. They get excited about Java methods and pseudo-code. That's what "floats their boats." If you're contemplating a CS major, make sure you know what you're getting into. Everybody likes the Internet, but that doesn't mean you're going to like CS. *—rochesteralan*

Okay, Abbysue was onto something... Computer science is all the rage today, but that doesn't mean that over the next couple of years a new industry won't spring up and become the latest and greatest cash cow. What if, for example, you were plugging away in your CS major, confident of landing a decent job, when suddenly the media was raving about the hot new opportunities in biotech? Would you sign up for that Genetics 101 course next semester? *—mussor*

In this commercial society we live in it is no wonder that everyone's so worried about getting a job. We settle for mediocrity to buy a car and house. We sell our souls so we can have materialistic items. If people concentrated on doing what made them happy instead of doing what makes money, we would be much happier. *—boombaby*

After four years at UCLA with a double major, I'm proud to say I'm working as a camp counselor this summer. While one of my friends is in his cubicle at PriceWaterhouse, I'll be hiking around the San Bernadino mountains. I'm not worried. Unless you're in Bus/Econ for its intrinsic value—kiss my ***. *—kallman*

I'm terrified. I want to go into journalism, but the field isn't exactly known for paying well. I want a job I'll enjoy but I also want to buy groceries for the week and not live in a cardboard box. It's not as easy as it sounds when you're entering a field that starts around $20,000 a year in New York City and you have student loans to pay. Looks like I'll be eating pasta for the rest of my life at every meal. *—bshapouri*

Independent film-production houses need reps to promote their latest masterpiece just as much as Exxon needs to assuage the public when its crude ends up on seals and otters instead of in gas tanks. And there's nothing but growing room. "This is a young science," Adams says. "We're growing toward a much more multidimensional profession."

FYI: Public Relations Society of America, 212-995-2230, www.prsa.org

8. CHILD-CARE WORKER
(26.1% growth)

Although you might not have noticed (having spent most of the past few years on campus), little kids—screaming kids, nice kids, stupid kids, Pokémon-crazed kids—are everywhere these days. A demographic bulge of children is upon us, and someone's going to have to look after the buggers if we don't want them wandering into traffic or putting the cat in the microwave. In an era of two working parents, that someone is increasingly a child-care worker.

And not just in the home, either. "Child-care workers will be in demand in corporate-run day-care centers as more companies begin accommodating (working mothers)," says Shelly Field in *100 Best Careers*.

As the ranks of the young swell, so will the battalions of those who care for them. The military metaphor is apt: by 2010, the number of U.S. child-care workers is expected to grow to 1.1 million—nearly as many souls as in America's armed forces. And as any babysitter could tell you, it's a toss-up who's harder to face: a mad dictator like Saddam Hussein, or a colicky infant who got into the garbage and just put some in his mouth.

FYI: Center for the Child Care Workforce, 202-737-7700, www.ccw.org

7. MANAGEMENT ANALYST AND CONSULTANT
(28.4% growth)

The first, and obvious question is: What the hell is a consultant—really?

Good question. Management analysts and consultants are simply self-appointed "experts," usually freelance, hired by companies to identify problems, troubleshoot and generally streamline a company's operations. Most consultants are self-employed; startup costs are low and the freedom to be your own boss can be irresistible. Management analysts, in other words, are the modern equivalent of the masked stranger who rode into a crime-ridden Old West town and cleaned the varmints out, except now they do it with pink slips instead of a loaded Winchester.

Think you're too young for the job? Nonsense. Particularly in e-business, consultants fresh out of school are as common as weeds. But they're much better remunerated: low-level analysts can pull in $50,000; more experienced types often earn $200,000 or much more. That's one reason the field will grow to nearly 450,000 jobs next decade. Analyze this: that's a positive prognosis.

FYI: The Association of Management Consulting Firms, 212-551-7887, www.amcf.org

6. BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST
(35% growth)

A complex organism, the human body. It's difficult enough to decide which movie to see on Friday night—but what happens when you have to decide how to treat cancer? Or determine the best combination of HIV drugs? Such are the battles being waged by the nation's biological scientists.

A field with obvious earning potential is growing rapidly: by the end of the decade, nearly 110,000 white-smocked bioscientists will patrol our nation's labs. They'll work on everything from new medicines for humans to botanical experiments to help farmers maximize their crops. Funding for research and development, both in the private and public sectors (one in four bioscientists works for a state or federal government), has rendered this a field with seemingly limitless potential.

"Biological scientists will be needed to take (today's) knowledge to the next

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step, which is the understanding of how...gene therapies can be developed to treat diseases," the Department of Labor notes. Weird science? Perhaps—but vital to our future battles against disease.

FYI: American Institute of Biological Science, 202-628-1500, www.aibs.org

5. SOCIAL WORKER
(36.1% growth)

Social worker? Hot growth job? What about "ending welfare as we know it?" In reality, the field's growth has been aided by a recent emphasis on a fusion of the public and private spheres, wherein federal money with fewer strings attached will go directly to private organizations to use as they see fit. It's an approach both Al Gore and George W. Bush have championed, and it's lending clout to a field that will grow by more than 200,000 jobs over the next decade.

Tired of geeks yet? Too bad—because the nerdy goofballs you gave wedgies to in grade school are now running the new economy.

"The whole of American society is finally acknowledging that we need the services social workers provide," says Lucy Norman, director of public affairs for the National Association of Social Workers. Social work, Norman says, also offers job freedom and flexibility: "It's an extremely versatile degree. Social workers can go anywhere and be well prepared to do just about anything."

FYI: The National Association of Social Workers, 202-408-8600, www.naswdc.org

4. CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
(38.7% growth)

You are hereby sentenced to comprehend the following: nobody locks 'em up the way the U.S. does. America has long had one of the highest incarceration rates in the world, and that pattern shows no sign of abating: the U.S. prison population, 315,000 in 1980, now stands at about 2 million—one for every 135 people nationwide.

This crush of criminal humanity has mandated vast job growth: from counseling to health care to security, corrections is (for better or worse) hot. "You don't need a major in information technology for this one," laughs Jim Turpin, liaison for the American Correctional Association. But that doesn't mean it's not sophisticated. "The field is becoming more professional," Turpin says, "and growth is across the board."

The major downside to a corrections career? Well, the fact that you're surrounded by criminals all day. On the other hand, some people like confrontation and a frenzied work environment. Those types—an additional 148,000 of them—are expected to take corrections jobs in the coming ten years. Bonus: they get to go home at the end of the day.

FYI: American Correctional Association, 800-222-5646, www.corrections.com/aca

3. SECURITIES AND FINANCIAL-SERVICES AGENT
(41.9% growth)

Now that the highflying decade just past has ended, the truth can be told: the nineties made the eighties look like...the fifties: staid, understated and downright dull. This was due in large part to the stock market, which attained vast celebrity this past decade. The explosion in new investments and the expansion of the market to virgin investors—nearly 50 percent of American homes now own stock, the highest figure in history—have fueled economic growth. And since securities and financial-services agents are the conduit between buyer and seller, the field is projected to expand mightily.

What, you ask, if the investment bubble bursts, and Wall Street's stock pirates are forced to use their T-bills for toilet paper? Well, the field will slump. "Demand fluctuates as the economy expands and contracts," the Department of Labor concedes. Still, business cycles guarantee that demand, even if depressed, will grow again in time. Indeed, the stock market is now deeply embedded in the American psyche—meaning the long-term prospects for financial services should definitely continue to boom.

FYI: Securities Industry Association, 212-608-1500, www.sia.com

2. HOME HEALTH AIDE
(58.1% growth)

"He not busy being born is busy dying," sang Bob Dylan, and those busy dying—that's all of us, unfortunately, even folk singers—are doing it in the usual manner: by getting older. By 2010, the oldest baby boomers will be 64, and heading off into their drooling "golden years." But golden or not, the elderly need more health assistance than the rest of us—and they'll increasingly be getting it at home.

Four factors explain this field's substantial growth, says Cathie Sullivan of the National Association for Home Care. "One, aging of the population. Two, there are more women working and thus unable to stay at home. Three, better technology enables people to be cared for at home. And four, customer preference; people prefer to stay home when the alternative is a nursing home or hospital."

Home health aides provide a welter of services, from housecleaning to basic medical care to simple personal interaction. As Sullivan says, "It's hard to imagine a world where people suddenly decide they don't want to stay at home—they'd rather be institutionalized."

FYI: National Association for Home Care, 202-547-7424, www.nahc.org

1. COMPUTER ENGINEER
(107.9% growth)

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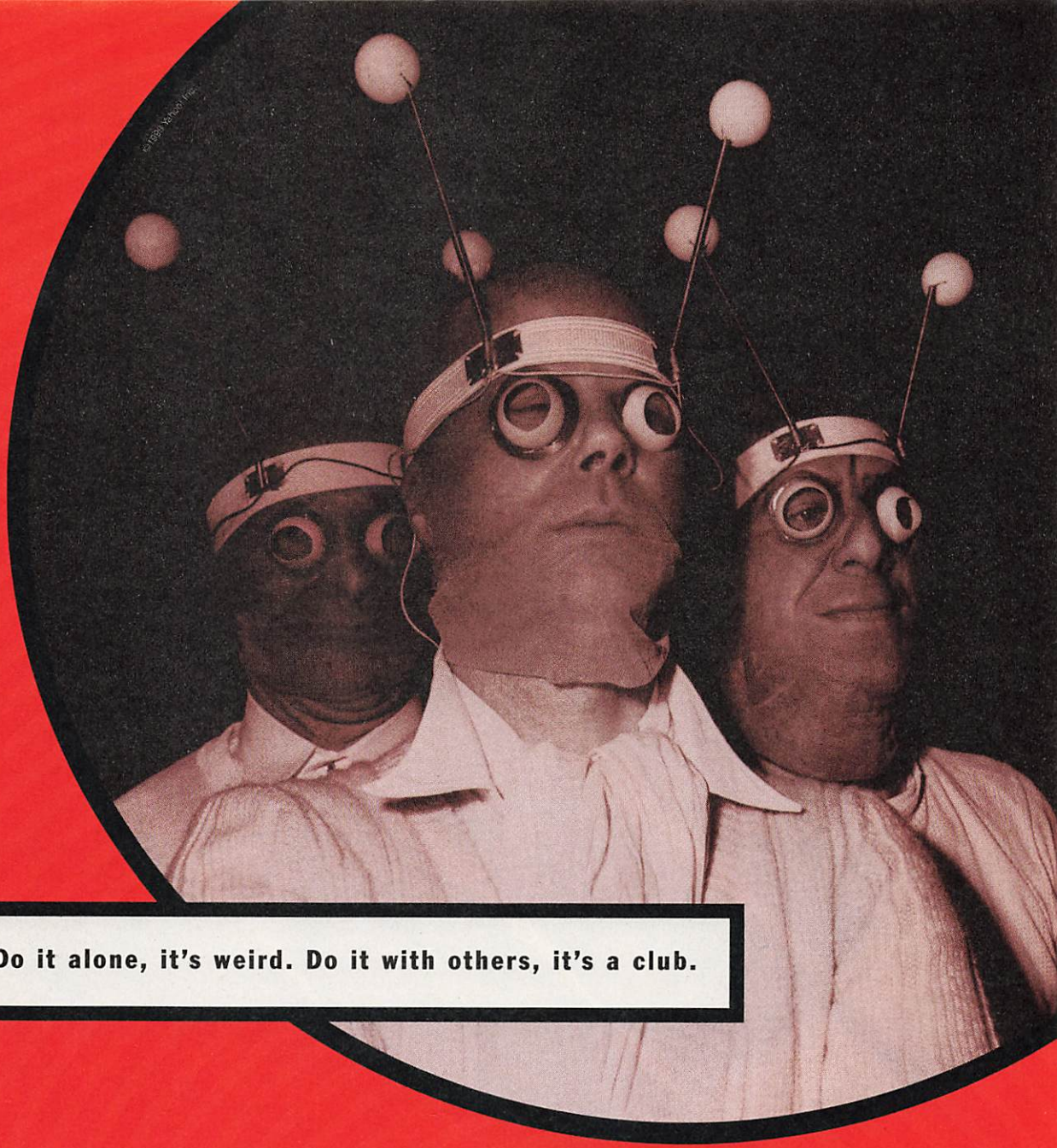

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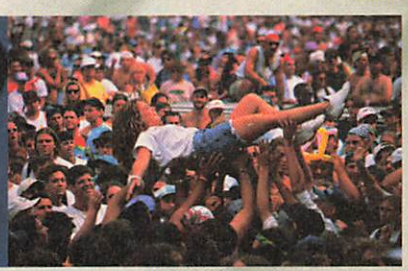

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DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM

SUMMERTIME IS ALL ABOUT TRAVEL. (Philosophy majors notwithstanding, you have to be somewhere this summer.) But whether you'll be seated at a desk (we feel your pain), on the beach, on the road or in a chicken bus in Guatemala, you'll need a few creature comforts to keep you in touch and in tunes. These are the perfect go-go gadgets. —*Jon Lesser*

KODAK DC215 Zoom Digital Camera ($299, 800-242-2424)

It's lightweight (10.6 oz.), it's easy to use and it's one of the least expensive digital cameras on the market. Once you try the DC215, you'll never buy film again—or pay to develop the 21 out of 24 pics you usually take that aren't really worth saving. On the camera's two-inch screen, you'll see your photo the moment after it's captured. Don't like it? Delete it. Think it's worthy of a Pulitzer? Save it on the 8 MB memory card (which stores up to 115 images). Then print it, e-mail it or download it to a TV or monitor for a slide show. Just say geez.

PALM IIIE Organizer ($149, 800-881-7256)

Do you ever feel like you're losing control of your busy life, forgetting things and losing touch with people? Then stop smoking dope. Or, purchase a Palm. We hate to sound like a MasterCard commercial, but Palm IIIe: $149; keeping organized and in touch with friends and family all summer long: priceless. Internet-ready and able to synchronize with your PC or Mac, the Palm's 2 MB of memory store 6,000 addresses, five years of appointments, 1,500 memos and 200 e-mail messages. With just one touch, you'll stay in touch.

SONY MDR-NC5 Noise-Canceling Headphones ($99.99, 800-222-7669)

If any electrical engineers reading this want to explain to us how "ambient sound is synthesized with an antisound signal produced by a noise-canceling circuit," feel free to drop us an e-mail. All we know is that these foldable headphones really do work. Flick a switch and the music seems to get louder. But close your eyes, and listen closely: you'll forget you're on a noisy high-speed train and think you're home in your favorite chair.

FREEPLAY S360 Self-Powered Radio ($70, 800-WIND-234)

No power? No problem! Crank this tiny (eight inches long), chubby (two pounds) radio for 30 seconds and you've got tunes for hours. The Freeplay also uses solar power to keep going and going and going... It's perfect for those days on the beach that stretch into nights, even for those Third World countries where "battery" has no translation and electricity is the stuff of kings—assuming, of course, that there are radio stations.

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Five Sites for Finding Old Friends

There's always one guy or gal in every circle of high school friends who disappears after graduation. He's usually named Mike, and he doesn't really do it on purpose. It's just that some people are bad at keeping in touch; they only have one sense of direction: forward. You'd love to find him, but he went to college halfway across the country, and his parents moved away last year, didn't they?

Fortunately for you (and Mike), the Internet knows no boundaries. In fact, tracking people down has become one of its specialties. Try starting your search at **www.whitepages.com**, which is basically a phone book for the whole country. Enter a name, city and state, the last two being optional. Or perhaps CBS Switchboard **(www.switchboard.com)** will work. In addition to addresses and phone numbers, Switchboard also offers maps, directions, message boards and an e-mail search.

Next, go to People Finder **(www.peoplesite.com)**, where you can choose from categories including "old friends," "relatives," "genealogy," "loves," "strangers" and more. It works like classifieds—you post one and hope the person you're looking for, or someone who knows them, sees it.

Still no Mike? Your next shot is **www.classmates.com**, which bills itself as "your online high school reunion," and claims to have 4 million "alumni." When you register, you'll be able to search through alumni directories from more than 30,000 North American high schools. You'll get in the registry yourself, and may even find a current photo of your old friend.

Finally, if all this fails, try the folks at **1800USSEARCH.com**, who will search everything from county court records to change of address records to magazine subscription lists to find that special someone. The search runs $39.95—but maybe Mike will pay you back. —*JL*

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THREE NEW CDs

Oasis, *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants* (Epic)

DON'T BELIEVE the antihype! If anybody tries to convince you that Oasis's fourth album is lame, you can safely bet they have some kind of hidden personal agenda. Since emerging in 1994 with *Definitely Maybe*, Liam and Noel Gallagher have made as many enemies as fans. But in truth, from the very start, they've been real rock stars: writing and performing hook-laden songs with undeniable talent and style.

Now, after the long break that followed 1997's *Be Here Now*, comes *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants*, a compelling collection of sweet melodies and bad attitudes. Even if the formula is still a bit Beatles-heavy, Oasis is sounding more like Gallagher-and-Gallagher than Lennon-and-McCartney these days. That's a good thing, as are the songs—tunes with the depth, soul and sneers to make for a great summer road-trip soundtrack. Even with all the anti-Oasis sentiment floating around, albums this good are hard to ignore.

Galactic, *Late for the Future* (Capricorn)

Aside from perhaps only Medeski, Martin and Wood, no recent "jam" bands have mixed modern jazz, funk and soul as boldly and effectively as Galactic—the young New Orleans outfit that's added acid jazz and deep blues to a Crescent City foundation. And while they've occasionally sounded too conservative on their first two albums, *Late for the Future* captures the grit of their live shows, where swirling B-3 organs meet Parliament-like singalongs. Whether it's the album that makes them the next big Phish or just the next great party band, *Late for the Future* gives every hint that Galactic's future has arrived.

Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Pay Attention (Island)

It remains to be seen whether what's been called the "Great Ska Revival of the Late Nineties" (No Doubt, Rancid, Sublime) will last into 2000, but the Mighty Mighty Bosstones certainly aren't going anywhere quietly. For more than fifteen years, they've been the loudest and most vital ska band around, and *Pay Attention* shows that the success of their 1997 hit "The Impression That I Get" was no fluke: nearly every one of this album's tunes is a legitimate anthem. Will the Bosstones change the world? Probably not. Will they rock it three minutes at a time? Absolutely. —*Andy Langer*

One Site for Sore Ears

www.com (www.com)

Not only is it the easiest-to-remember address on the Internet, it's also one of its smartest radio stations. With a collection of 20,000 songs on more than 200 stations, www.com offers genres ranging from new age and gospel to reggae and soul—and dozens of subcategories to boot. In hip-hop alone there are a dozen different stations, featuring everything from the "Dirty South" to "Pioneers." Not only are there no commercials, but every song (and the album it comes from) is identified on an idiot-proof console. The site has even recently sealed a deal giving it rights to more top-tier artists than any other Web station. Dozens of startups have been promising a better Web radio for years—this one actually delivers. —*AL*

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Two from the Used Bin

Patti Smith, *Horses* (Arista, 1975)

Though Patti Smith's long-awaited new album is finally in stores, take our advice: buy *Horses* first. Although it's a quarter century old, everyone from Courtney Love to Rage Against the Machine owes their careers to it and its brutal combination of dramatic readings and guitar-heavy rock. Rock critics and college students have written volumes on *Horses*' dual connection to French literature and prepunk angst. But it's Smith's takes on Van Morrison's "Gloria" and Wilson Pickett's "Land of 1,000 Dances" that you won't be able to get out of your head. In a swirl of feedback, they paved the way for generations of unapologetic rock stars.

Prince, *Sign o' the Times* (Paisley Park, 1987)

D'Angelo's *Voodoo* may be one of the best albums of the year, but D'Angelo himself will admit a big part of his sultry anything-goes recipe dates back to the late eighties—when Prince unveiled the two-CD *Sign o' the Times*. Sure, it has no truly giant hits, but it's clearly one of his defining musical moments. By offering a tour of Prince's amazing grasp of funk, rock, pop, soul and disco, it offered a portrait of The Artist as a young man that not even *The Hits/The B-Sides* collection can match. It delivers both party jams and haunting ballads—plus enough funky mysticism and cryptic double entendres to demand years of replays. —*AL*

DEAD WOMAN WALKING

Waking the Dead (USA Films)

A FEW HUNDRED years ago (back in the 1980s), Keith Gordon carved out a nice acting niche for himself. You know who we're talking about. He's that skinny, pale guy with circles under his eyes who looks like he should be working the graveyard shift at Kinko's. Still don't know who we're talking about? Gordon's biggest role was as Rodney Dangerfield's dorky son in the 1986 college classic *Back to School*. (Oh yeah, him!)

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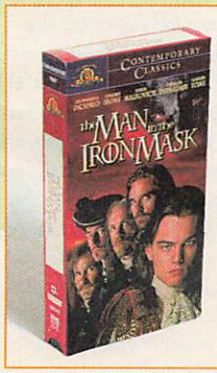
Since then, Gordon has quietly become an effective filmmaker, picking odd and adventurous projects such as *The Chocolate War* (1988), *A Midnight Clear* (1992) and *Mother Night* (1996). We recommend you watch them all—but not all at once, of course.

In *Waking the Dead*, his latest directorial effort, Gordon unfolds a spooky romantic drama in which hunky Billy Crudup plays a congressional candidate haunted by visions of his dead girlfriend (Jennifer Connelly, who can haunt us any day she pleases). When Billy first meets Jennifer, it's 1972. He's a heady Coast Guard officer; she's an idealistic activist (is there any other kind?). They fall madly in love. "We will never be apart," she writes him. Damn that fate, though: Jennifer is killed in a car bombing.

Fast-forward several years. Now Billy is running for Congress. He has everything a guy could hope for: a socialite girlfriend, brains, a full head of hair. Only one problem: he thinks that he keeps spotting his former love. Is he losing his mind...or is Jennifer still alive?

Gordon, admirably, doesn't give that one away. And by the time this one's all over, you'll definitely be wide awake. —*John Elsasser*



One Campy Cult Classic

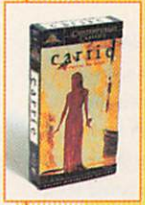
The Man in the Iron Mask (1998)

Didn't get enough of Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Beach*? Then try this fluffy version of Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, with Leo at his effeminate best. In dual roles, Leo plays King Louis XIV, the corrupt despot who imprisons his identical brother (also Leo!) to prevent him from nabbing the throne. While Leo the bad orders his handlers around and seduces the ladies (what an acting stretch!), Leo the good rots in jail. So to save a starving France—let them eat moldy Brie!—the king's former royal guards, The Three Musketeers, set out to free Leo the good. There's plenty more to amuse: Wild overacting! Clang-clang-clang swordfights! Heaving breasts trying to escape the confines of corsets! In any event, imagine the fun if Leo had been cast in all the roles! —*JE*

Prom Kings

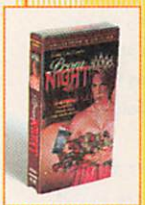
Back when we were high school simpletons, we just loved the prom. To us, it signaled the end of school and the festive start of summer. (Told you we were simple.) Never mind that we could never find a date and had to go stag—the prom still holds a special place in our (broken) hearts. Maybe that's why we enjoy watching videos that feature happy couples on prom night getting butchered...er, having a nice time.

Carrie (1976)



The grandmommy of all prom films. Overlooking this horror classic would be like not naming Noah on a list of great ark captains. Anyway, Brian De Palma's bloody good bloodbath finds a telekinetic Sissy Spacek (was she ever that young?) exacting revenge on her mean classmates, including John Travolta (was he ever that thin?). And you thought *your* prom date was bad?

Prom Night (1980)



Ah, yes, the mad slasher pic that spawned something like 87 sequels. For our video-rental money, though, nothing beats this original, with teen scream queen Jamie Lee Curtis (Neve Campbell, take some lessons from the master) and a straight-faced Leslie Nielsen. Oh the horror!

She's All That (1999)

Listen, we don't want any guff from you for adoring this candy-corned romantic comedy. OK, so steal our lunch money—we love happy endings. Yes, we adored this trite yet funny high school romp that found Freddie Prinze, Jr. turning alleged ugly duckling Rachael Leigh Cook into a prom queen babe. Nobody gets slaughtered—but you'll like it anyway. —*JE*

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Dave's Rock 'N' Gr

First Nirvana. Now the Foo Fighters. Is Dave Grohl the smartest living rocker?

DAVE GROHL is a master of surprises. Who knew that the guy who kept the beat for what is arguably the greatest rock band of the nineties would enter the next decade as guitarist and lead vocalist for what may be the best rock band today? Grohl's Foo Fighters, following two platinum discs that yielded a combined seven hit songs and six videos, have released a third album, *There Is Nothing Left to Lose*, that is once again floating weightlessly on the charts. He used to demolish his drums during Nirvana encores; now he's demolishing the music industry.

Of course, ask him about his former band and Grohl will say he was only the drummer, and that he just had good timing—both onstage and in his decision to join the band less than a year before *Nevermind* took the music world hostage. But he's being modest. Indeed, prior to the explosion of Nirvana, Grohl had already received a master's degree in rock from one of the greatest training academies: the early nineties Washington, D.C., punk scene. Grohl, the son of a high school teacher, had dropped out of school to become a punk rocker. (College didn't really fit in the plan—punk rockers, he says, look silly walking around campuses with book bags.) Thus, when Nirvanamania hit, he was already a seasoned 22-year-old music veteran, capable of weathering the band's implosion—and returning bigger and better than ever.

Today, Grohl's the frontman for a band loved by critics and students alike. Life simply couldn't be finer. But even though he calls himself "the luckiest man in the world," he still says he worries when he plays college towns because he's not as good looking as the guy from Sugar Ray. Or maybe he's just pulling our leg. That Grohl *is* quite a card, as evidenced by his answers to the SAM Pop Quiz.

I prefer playing guitar and singing to playing drums because: a) chicks dig me more, b) my butt hurts less, c) I don't have to hear jokes like, "What do you call a guy who hangs around with musicians? A drummer!"
ANSWER: (c) Hmmm...I'd have to say the absence of drummer jokes in my life—although now I've made it my life's purpose to defend all drummers against those jokes. I'm using myself as an example for all of the other great drummers in the world who can also play guitar and sing.

Worldwide fame at 22 is: a) hell, b) heaven, c) all of the above.
ANSWER: (b) Oh, heaven man, how can it be anything but that? It was great. It was wonderful. Imagine going from having a $7 per diem to having a credit card—that's the thing that you plug into a wall that spits out as much money as you want whenever you want it! I remember, I was in Hawaii when I got my first credit card. It was sent to me by the accountants: "Here, you might want this." I bought a pair of expensive sunglasses and went to Benihana. It was great.

I didn't go to college because: a) you generally need to complete high school first, b) punk rockers don't do college, c) I knew I'd be a rock star and make millions, d) all of the above.
ANSWER: (d) I dropped out of school so I could go on tour when I was seventeen. I was a punk rocker, and they always kind of look funny in college because you're supposed to be anti-establishment, so why go to a university? My mother was a teacher at the school I was going to, so it didn't go over too well. But she was very supportive. She said, "OK, well, you'd better be good at what you're doing, and start paying rent," which I never did. But now I pay *her* rent, so it worked out good.

The college I would have most likely fit in at is: a) Harvard, b) University of Virginia, c) Berkeley, d) Juilliard.
ANSWER: (e) The Parsons School of Design. UVA? No way! I'm too stupid for that! Harvard? None of that Ivy League for me, no way. What I really wanted to do was the Parsons thing. I wanted to be a sensitive art student who stayed in college for at least seven years.

I feel most fortunate right now because: a) I have my own record label imprint, Roswell Records, b) I have been in two unbelievably successful bands, c) I was actually able to record my whole new album from my basement couch.
ANSWER: (d) All of the above. How could you not feel like it's a dream come true? I went to a psychic—which I'd never done before. This person is well respected within our

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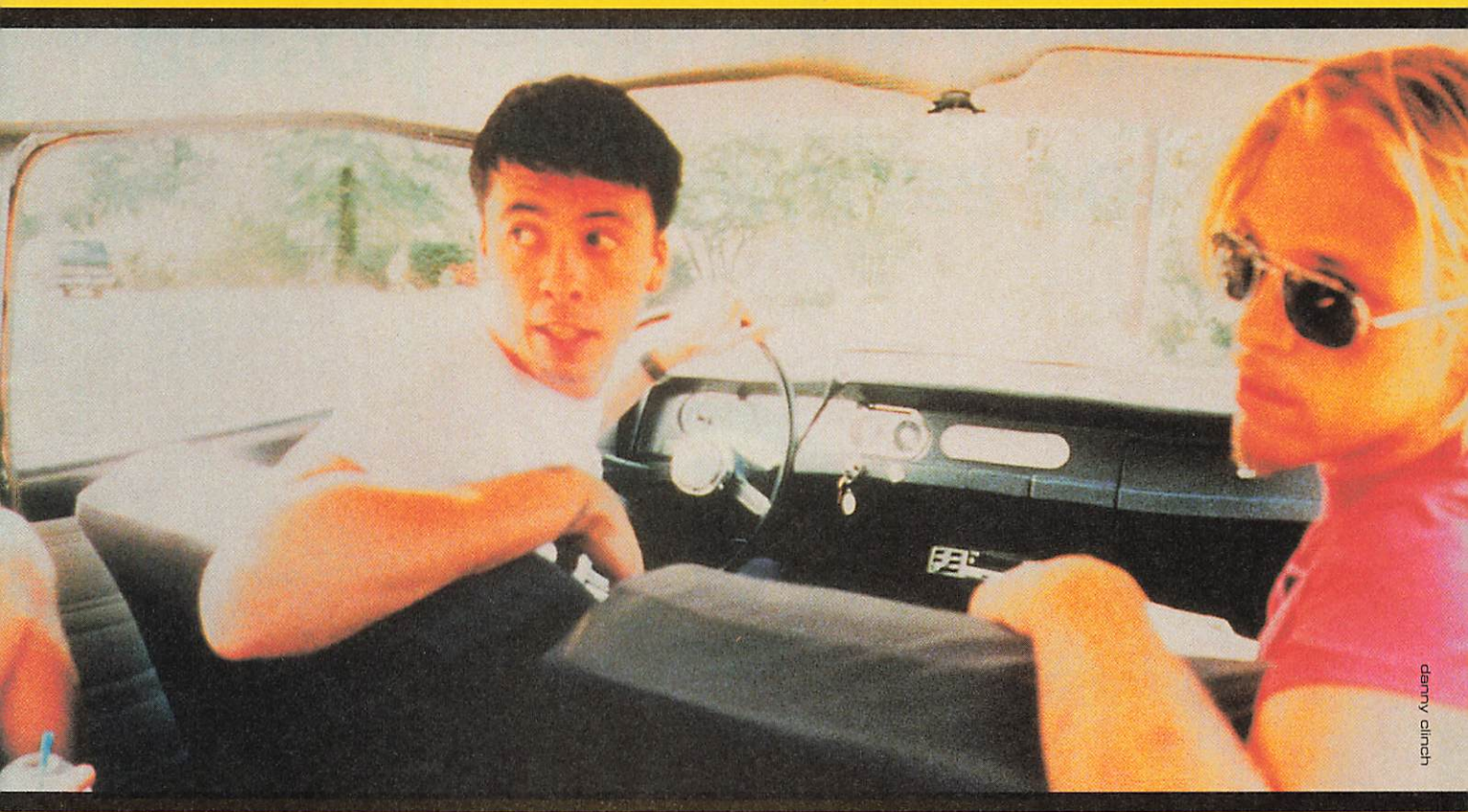

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circle of friends, this psychic in Australia. And one of the first things she told me was, "You're one of the luckiest people I've ever met in my entire life." She had no idea...

I once said about Nirvana, "I wasn't that involved in the band, really. I was just the drummer" because: a) I am probably too modest, b) I don't want to dwell on the past, c) it gets obnoxious reporters like you to stop asking me about Nirvana.
ANSWER: (d) All of the above. I mean, c'mon, what's a drummer gonna say? (shouting) "I'm responsible for that 'Teen Spirit' shit! Hey, if it wasn't for that clackety-clack at the beginning of the song, those kids wouldn't have started wearing flannel and quit goin' to high school!"

My advice for college-student musicians is: a) drop out and tour, b) major in music, c) major in anything but music, d) lock yourself in your room and practice.
ANSWER: (a) I honestly believe that by dropping out and touring the world I learned more than I would have sitting in a fluorescent-lit room with someone pointing at a chalkboard. Hell, the only reason I learned Italian was because I spent so much time in Italy asking, "Hey, where's the bathroom?" "Hey, I'm hungry." "Hey, I'm losing my mind and can I have a ticket home please?" There's too much of a world out there to try to see it from a schoolbook.

Looking back, the major that would have been most useful to me is: a) music, b) art, c) business, d) philosophy.
ANSWER: (a) There's a part of me that wishes I'd studied music. I'm really interested in music theory—although I don't entirely understand what that means. I mean, how can you theorize something like music? I don't get it. And I wish I would have learned to read music, because I never have. I do everything by ear.

When I look out into the crowd and see a lot of college students, I typically think: a) Oh my God, if they only knew that I'm 30, b) they should be home studying, c) she's awfully cute.
ANSWER: (d) None of the above. When I look out into the audience and see a bunch of college students, I worry that they wish I was Mark McGrath from Sugar Ray, or the dude from the Goo Goo Dolls.

"Grunge" is: a) a word I never want to hear again, b) a musical genre I'm proud to have helped define, c) the stuff under my fingernails.
ANSWER: (c) I'd probably have to say the stuff under my fingernails. I mean, shit, the Zombies were a grunge band...so how come no one called it that then?

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2) When did you go there?
3) How much fun did you have during the day? (10=fun; 1=lame)
4) What did you do during the day and why did you like or not like it? What specifically would you recommend that other students do or not do during the day?
5) How much fun did you have at night? (10=fun; 1=lame)
6) What did you do at night and why did you like or not like it? What specifically would you recommend that other students do or not do at night?
7) How was traveling there? If you used a package tour, which one was it and how did it go?
8) Where did you stay?
9) Would you recommend these accommodations to other students? (If you stayed in a private home, would you recommend other students try to find a similar setup?) Yes or No
10) Why or why not?
11) Overall, how would you rank this spring break destination? (10=best; 1=worst)
12) Would you recommend this Spring Break destination to other students? Yes or No
13) Why or why not?
14) What other advice would you give to students going there for spring break?
15) Briefly describe your ideal spring break.

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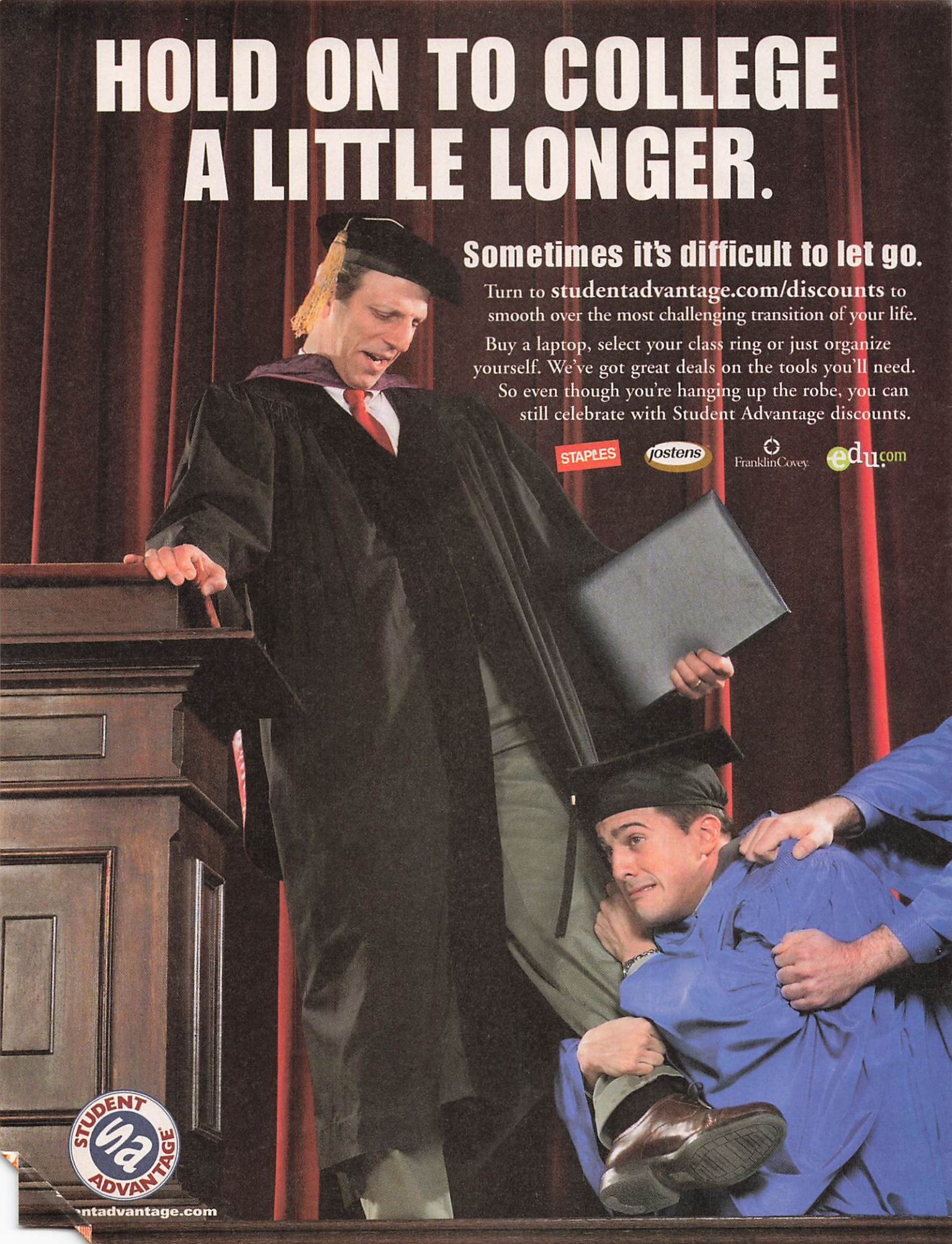
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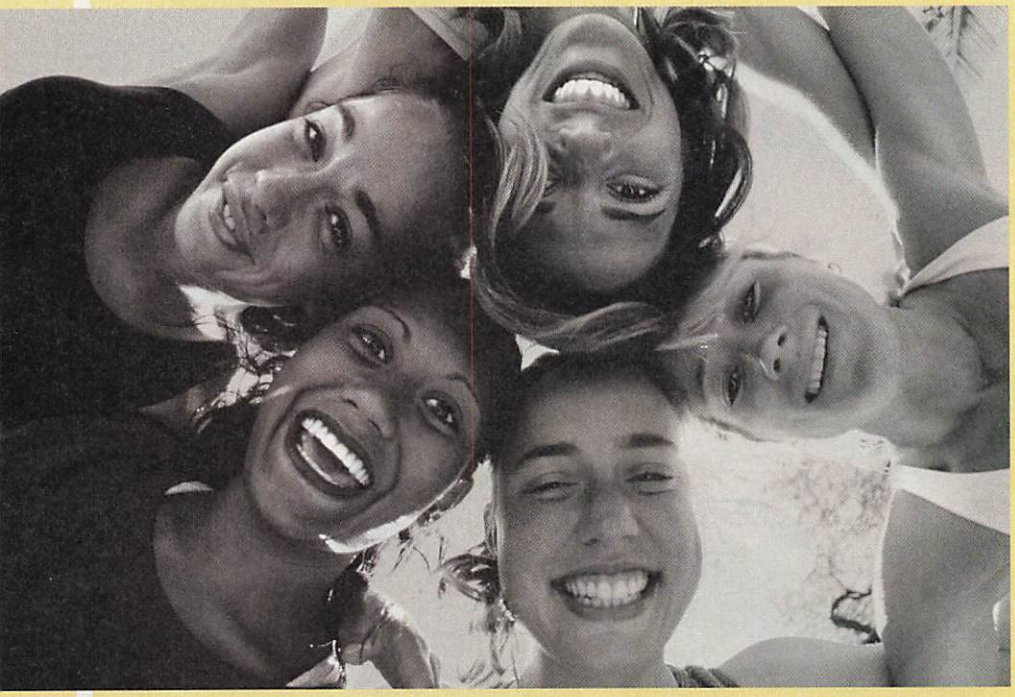

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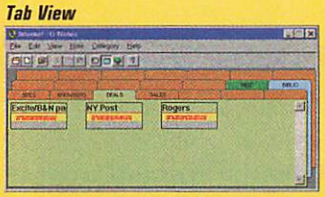

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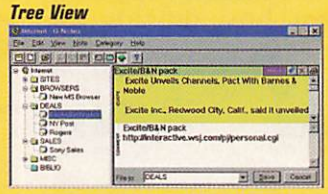

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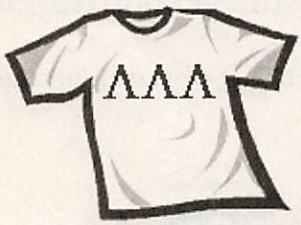

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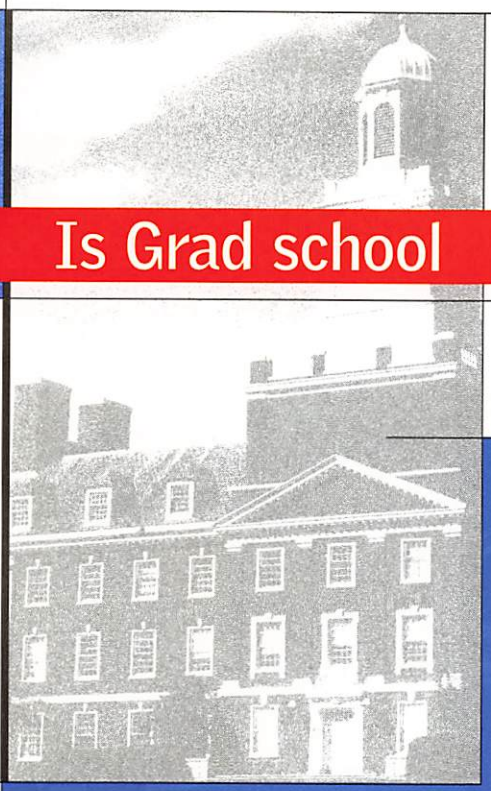

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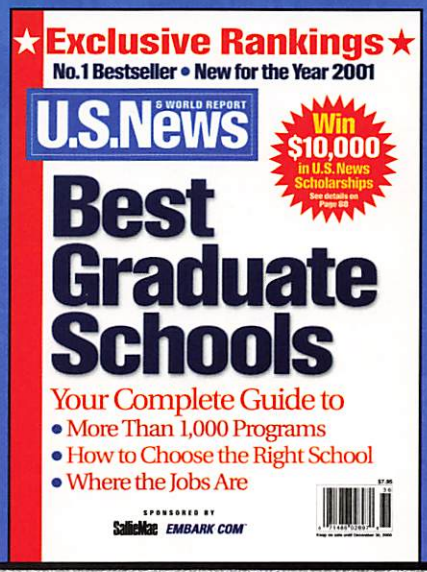
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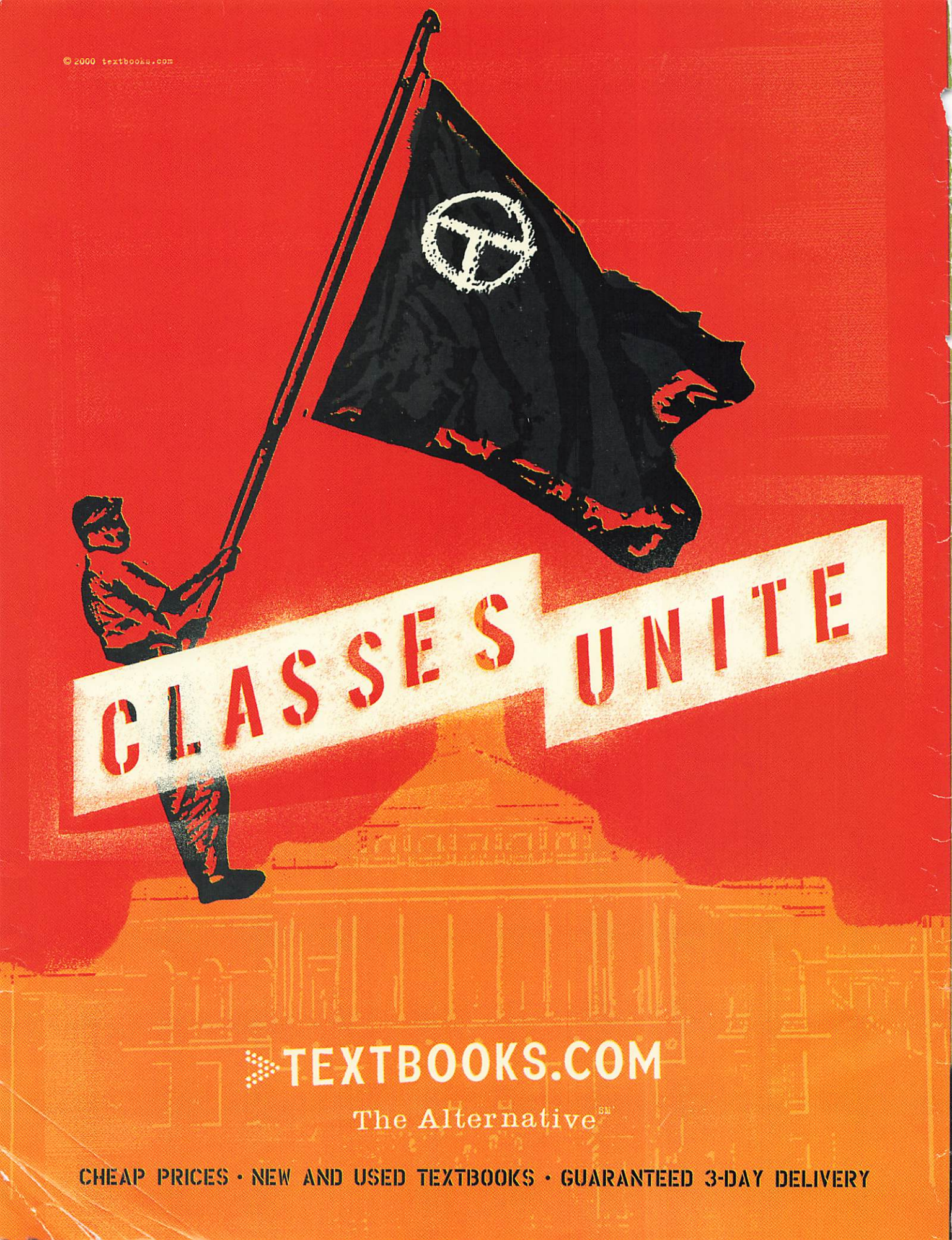

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